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The Congressional investigations of the intelligence activities of the United States which are being conducted under the direction of Senator Church and Congressman Pike have opened up an entirely new area of Congressional oversight and participation in the foreign policy process of this Government. That this is a long overdue activity of the Congress has been clearly brought out by the findings to date of the two Congressional intelligence committees.

The problem that we now face, and which I hope our panelists will address, is what should be done in light of what has been revealed about the operations of the CIA and its relationships with other agencies of the national security community.

With the indulgence of the other participants, I would like to illustrate this dilemma by recounting a personal experience of my own. Late in 1960, after I was first elected to the Senate but before I was actually sworn in, I visited Cuba -- in fact I was the last member of Congress to do so before I returned to Cuba in September 1974.

During the course of my visit, I was struck by the fact that most of the Cubans who opposed the Castro regime were either dead,